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REMARKS

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1. Between 12 April and 8 May 1953, the Moltke Kaserne in Schwerin was occupied to capacity by 1,500 to 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. T-43 tank entered the installation on 13 April, T-43 tanks on 14 April, and T-43 tanks left the installation on 15 April. 25X1

2. Prior to 8 May, the Krueger Kaserne was occupied to capacity by an estimated 1,200 to 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Trucks were identified in front of the barracks gate. 25X1

3. Until 8 May, the Fritsch Kaserne was occupied to capacity, by an undetermined number of troops. About 50 percent of the soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, about 40 percent black-bordered crimson epaulets, and about 10 percent blue-bordered black epaulets. From 70 to 100 soldiers with suitcases assembled in the barracks yard on 24 April. They were addressed by an officer. Seven trucks were seen nearby. Motor vehicles identified in traffic. 25X1

At about 6 p.m. on 21 April, 40 to 50 officers with suitcases were about to be entrained at the Schwerin railroad station. At 10:30 a.m. on 7 May, a convoy of 7 trucks carrying troops with luggage. 25X1

4. Between 28 April and 8 May, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne in Schwerin was occupied to capacity. The windows were about 95 percent lighted at dusk. On 28 April, 34 officers and 270 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and carrying 15 light mortars and 18 heavy machine guns marched out of the installation. At 12:30 p.m. on 30 April, 60 soldiers with black-bordered crimson epaulets drilled with carbines and 8 officers and 40 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets practiced aiming with 4 x 37-mm AA guns. At 5:30 p.m. on 4 May, 300 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets fell in in the barracks yard. Three officers and 80 EM with gasoline cans came running from the Buchholzerwald (forest) to the barracks installation. At 6:30 p.m. on 6 May, 6 x 57-mm AT guns were pushed from the barracks yard into the gun shed by groups of 8 soldiers each. 25X1

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5. Prior to 8 May, the Hindenburg Kaserne appeared to be occupied to capacity. About 90 percent of the windows were lighted at dusk. At 4:15 p.m. on 28 April, 15 officers and about 80 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 9 rocket launchers were identified northeast of the barracks installation.
6. The legend to the sketch attached as Annex indicates the occupation of Goerries Fliegerhorst prior to the end of April. At 6 p.m. on 7 May, 15 officers and 65 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen marching into the Fliegerhorst. On 8 May, the Fliegerhorst was occupied to capacity. All quarters were lighted at dusk.
7. Prior to 8 May, the Krueger Kaserne was occupied to capacity. On 30 April, 12 officers and about 400 unarmed soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets assembled in the barracks yard.
8. Prior to 8 May, the Moltke Kaserne was occupied to capacity. About 90 percent of the windows were lighted at dusk. About 50 soldiers practiced with 4 T-43 tanks on 30 April.
9. Until 8 May, the Fritsch Kaserne was occupied to capacity. About 95 percent of the windows were lighted at dusk. At 7:30 p.m. on 5 May, about 150 soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets fell in in the barracks yard. Reels with field cables lay near the troops. At 6:15 p.m. on 6 May, 6 tank trucks [redacted] were fueled at the fuel dump on Ludwigsluster Strasse.¹

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Comment. On the basis of the present and previous reports, the distribution of units in Schwerin is carried as follows:

Moltke-Krueger Kaserne: as the Moltke Kaserne and the Krueger Kaserne form a joint billeting area, they are carried as one installation. The 74th (Hv?) Tank SP Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and the headquarters and units of the 4th Gds Arty Brig (US) are believed to be stationed there. In addition, a motorcycle unit of the division may also be quartered there.

Fritsch Kaserne: headquarters and the 159th Gds Sig Bn of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div as well as AAA units of the division and/or the IX Mtz Rifle Corps. The officers and EM about to be entrained may have been troops going on furlough.

Adolf Hitler Kaserne: the 286th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and AAA units of the division and/or the IX Mtz Rifle Corps. It is possible that the 115th How Arty Regt of the division is also stationed in the installation.

Hindenburg Kaserne: the 10th Gds RL Regt of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps and, possibly, signal units of the corps.

Goerries Fliegerhorst: the corps headquarters and the unidentified signal battalion of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps. The unidentified engineer battalion of the corps which is also stationed there was reported by another source to have left for Priemerwald near Guestrow at the end of April to engage in the construction of a supply depot there. The legend to the sketch of the installation, attached as Annex 3, indicates that 122-mm and 210-mm guns were parked in the gun sheds. Source alleged that the latter guns had gun-barrel trailers. Such guns have so far not been observed in Schwerin; according to the T/E assumed here, they are also not carried with a motorized rifle division nor with a motorized rifle corps. However, it might be possible that the 4th Gds Arty Brig (US) is also

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equipped with 122-mm guns as, among other units, the 136th Gun Arty Regt is carried as belonging to the brigade. The equipment of the brigade would then be entirely unusual, especially, this observation would be the first of its kind after a large number of sources have supplied periodical information from this post over a period of several years. Although the existence of 122-mm guns is not entirely impossible, the observations indicating 210-mm guns are definitely not credible, as this type of gun has not yet been seen in East Germany and as even the 34th Arty Div (US) of the GDFG has no such gun equipment. The unit in the Fliegerhorst reported by source to have worn black-bordered red epaulets does not fit into the picture of the occupation of the Fliegerhorst and cannot be interpreted.

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25X1 [redacted] Comment. [redacted] unidentified AAA Regt of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps in Schwerin, which was previously confirmed until 11 January 1953.

25X1 [redacted] 74th (Hv?) Tank SP Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in Schwerin. Gds Colonel Verba (fnu), the regimental commander, has previously been carried as lieutenant colonel.

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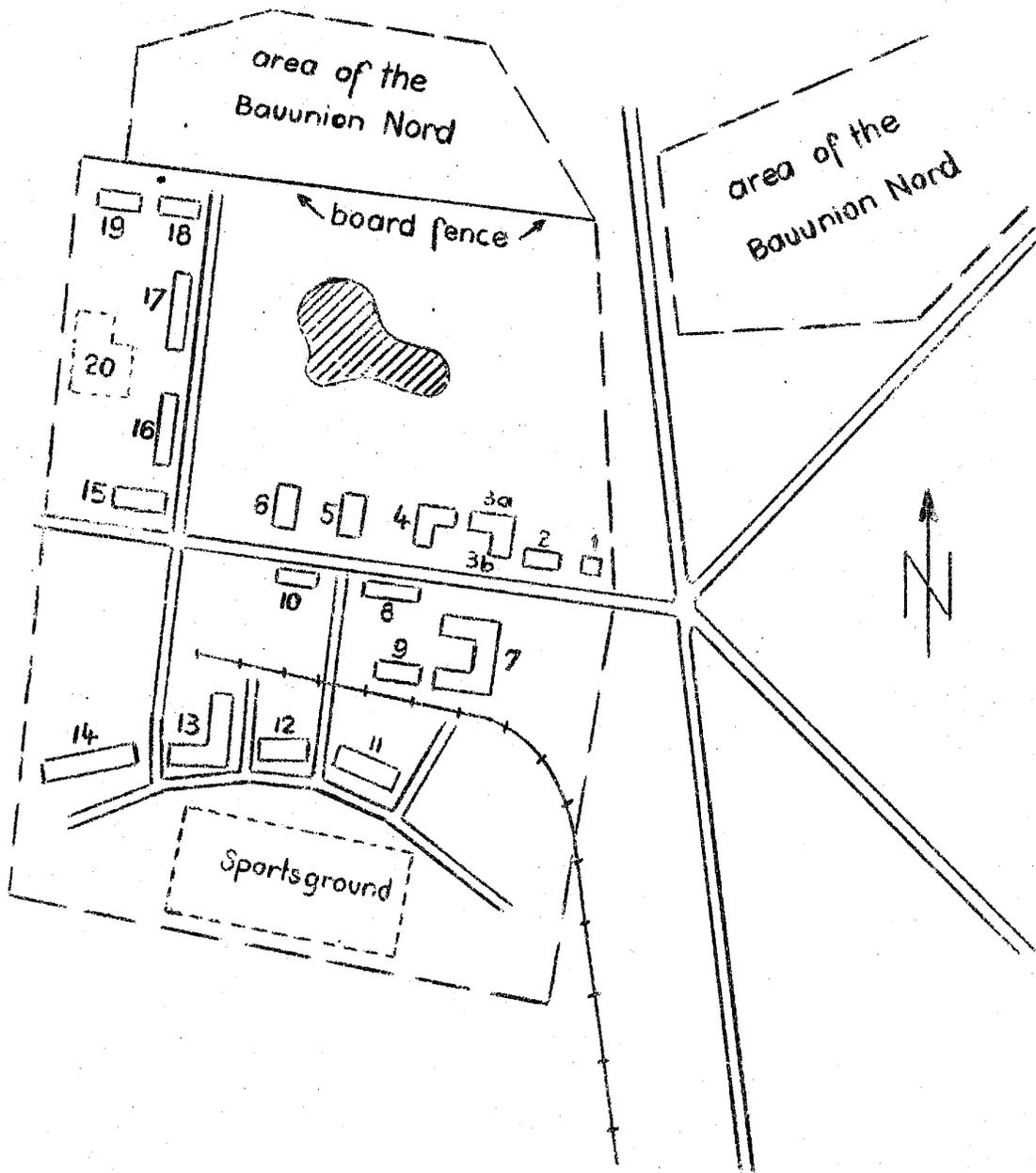
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Annex

Airfield Barracks Installation

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Annex



Legend:

- 1 Guardhouse
- 2 Damaged barracks buildings, except for the heating installation in the basement
- 3a Kitchen
- 3b)
- 4) Four-story barracks buildings, occupied by troops with
- 5) red-bordered black epaulets
- 6)
- 7 Motor vehicle garages
- 8 Billets for officers with red-bordered black epaulets
- 9 PX
- 10 Headquarters building with a high-echelon headquarters
- 11) Gun sheds
- 12)
- 13 Dispensary and administrative buildings
- 14 Gun shed
- 15 Kitchen and quarters with troops wearing black-bordered red epaulets
- 16)
- 17) Barracks buildings quartering troops with black-bordered red epaulets
- 18)
- 19)
- 20 Engineer bridge-building equipment, except for pontoons, piled up in the billeting area.

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